



Community Group Discussion

The following questions pertain to teaching at Hillside Church on Sunday
November 13th, 2011

Title: "Happy in the Pain"

Text: Matthew 5:10-12

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1. What kinds of people do you find hardest to like or get along with in life? What is it that annoys you?
 2. How have you personally experienced hostility or persecution for being a follower of Jesus?
 3. How would you explain verses like John 15:18-21 to someone brand new to the Christian faith?
 4. Why do some people absolutely hate Christians?
 5. If the laws of our land were to change next week and proclaiming the message of the gospel was outlawed (a situation that exists in many countries today) what do you think you would do?
 6. If someone were to ask you how being persecuted could possibly lead to happiness (as Jesus predicted) what would you say?
 7. What will you do differently this week for considering this passage of Scripture?